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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MILLER ET AL.

Examiner

Tho G. Phan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Solberg et al (6,249,261).

Solberg et al in figures 3-8 disclose a dipole antenna 284 wherein at least a portion of one pole of the dipole is formed of two separable pieces 202, connectable to each other at a junction 206 without significant signal loss through the junction and wherein the one pole of the dipole is formed of two separable pieces 202.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Solberg et al in view of Stolle (6,509,815).

Solberg et al have been discussed above but fail to expressly teach the poles are formed of conductive tubes, and wherein no feed point for the dipole antenna is located at the junction or

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located at the two separable pieces. However, Stolle in figure 1 discloses the poles (3'a,3''a) are formed of conductive tubes, and wherein no feed point for the dipole antenna is located at the junction or located at the two separable pieces (see figure 1, the feed point is at 46). It would have been obvious to employ the poles being formed of conductive tubes, and wherein no feed point for the dipole antenna is located at the junction or located at the two separable pieces as taught by Stolle for the purpose of improving impedance matching for the antenna gain.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 1 is allowable over the art of record because the prior art does not teach the lower break assembly and upper break assembly being mutually connectable for connecting the transmission lines to each other at a junction, wherein the lower portion and upper portion, when joined, form one pole of a center-fed dipole radiator, and with the remaining claimed limitations.

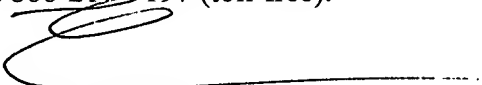
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents to Gustafson, Petros and MacDougall are cited as of interested and illustrated a similar structure to a dipole antenna assembly.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho G. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-1826. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571-272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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